Joining Hands (Safely) Across The Atlantic

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Presentation Elements

1. Background
2. The European Connection
3. MOD Exemptions
4. Joint Working
5. Q&A's?

Presentation from a Department of Public Works / Civil Engineering / Public Works perspective

Background

1951 NATO Status of Forces Agreement
1973 US / UK Cost Sharing Arrangement

- HMG provides Land and facilities

- DE USF manages US & NATO Programmes

- HMG pre-finances US & NATO Programmes

- US & NATO repay cost of works (excluding VAT)

- HMG funds some programmes through DE USF

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Stirling House,

Waterbeach, Cambridge. UK

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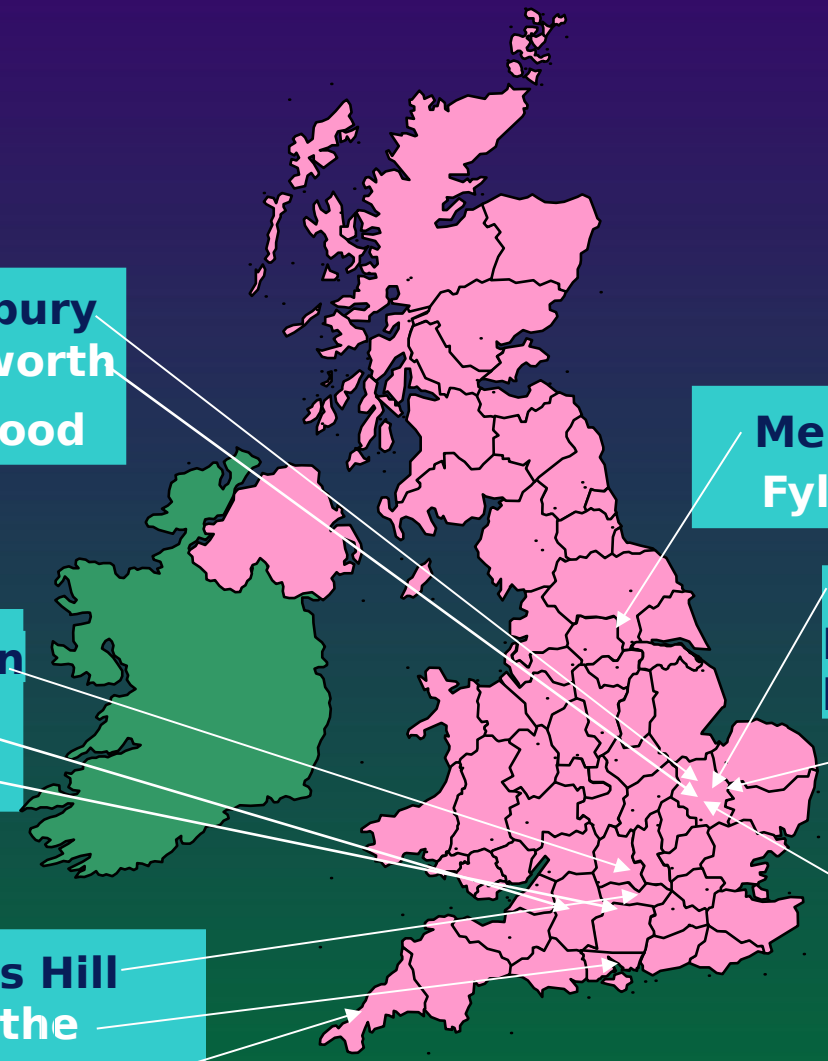
DE USF Offices



Alconbury
Molesworth
Upwood

Menwith Hill
Fylingdales

Croughton
Fairford
Welford

Mildenhall

Lakenheath

Feltwell

Stirling House
Waterbeach

Daws Hill
Hythe
St Mawgan

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Current DE USF Workload

USVF & NATO Programmes Combined

Maintenance and repair	**$38m / €39m** approximate annual spend
Base Managed Projects	**$195m / €201m** on the books
HQ Managed Projects	**$1.082bn / €1.116bn** on the books

RAF Hythe

F15's at RAF Lakenheath

RAF Menwith Hill

The European Connection

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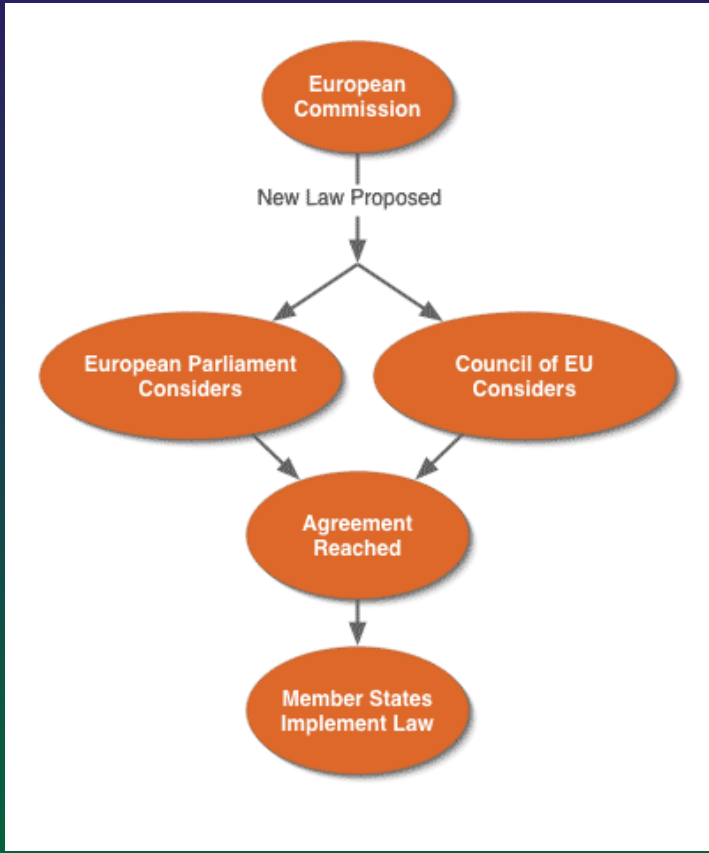
- UK is a member State of the European Union
- Membership of the EU was 15 countries
- Membership increased in 2004 to 25 countries
- 5 countries awaiting membership

The European Connection



The European Connection

Four types of EU Law:

1. **Regulations**
2. **Directives**
3. Decisions
4. Recommendations and opinions

The European Connection

Regulations:

- Come into force throughout the EU from the moment they are passed at European level
- ***Without*** the need for national legislatures to take any measures to implement them

Directives:

- EU directives bind all Member States to an ***overall objective*** to be achieved
- Leave the question of ***how*** to achieve this goal to national authorities to decide

The European Connection

- Some member Governments like the UK have a tradition of implementing Directives in a very precise way and even adding rules to them (called 'gold plating')
- Others, who will remain nameless, seem to take forever to translate them into action

MOD Exemptions

How does the UK MOD apply for an exemption?

- EU Directives often contain exemptions for “The Defence Imperative”
- MOD therefore has a “Head Start”
- MOD advises the HSE (UK health and safety enforcing authority) that it intends to request an exemption
- Exemption is requested as part of the normal public consultation process – along with all other interested parties

Joint Working

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Joint Working

- Quote from George Bernard Shaw (Irish dramatist and socialist) 1856 – 1950:

"England and America are two countries separated by a common language"

- But how common are our languages?

Joint Working

- Everyday examples of common differences:
  - Trunk vs Boot
  - Gas vs Petrol

- In terms of health and safety, it is ***vitally*** important that everyone understands the meaning of words used in the workplace

Joint Working

Woodworking machinery example:

- Spreader (part on a table saw)

  vs

- Riving Knife (part on a circular saw bench)

- The same part on the same machine

Joint Working

- Host nation procedures?
- Visiting Force procedures?
- Hybrid (Most Stringent) procedures?

Host nation Procedures

- MOD has mandated that for **High Risk Activities** its Safe Systems of Work procedures ***will be applied***

- These procedures are known as Safety Rules & Procedures (SRP's)

High Risk Activities

- SRP 01 – Electricity
- SRP 02 – Boilers & Pressure Systems
- SRP 03 – Petroleum
- SRP 06 – Confined Spaces
- SRP 07 – Working at height

Visiting Force procedures

- Applied to elements of the UK workforce when managed / supervised by USVF personnel

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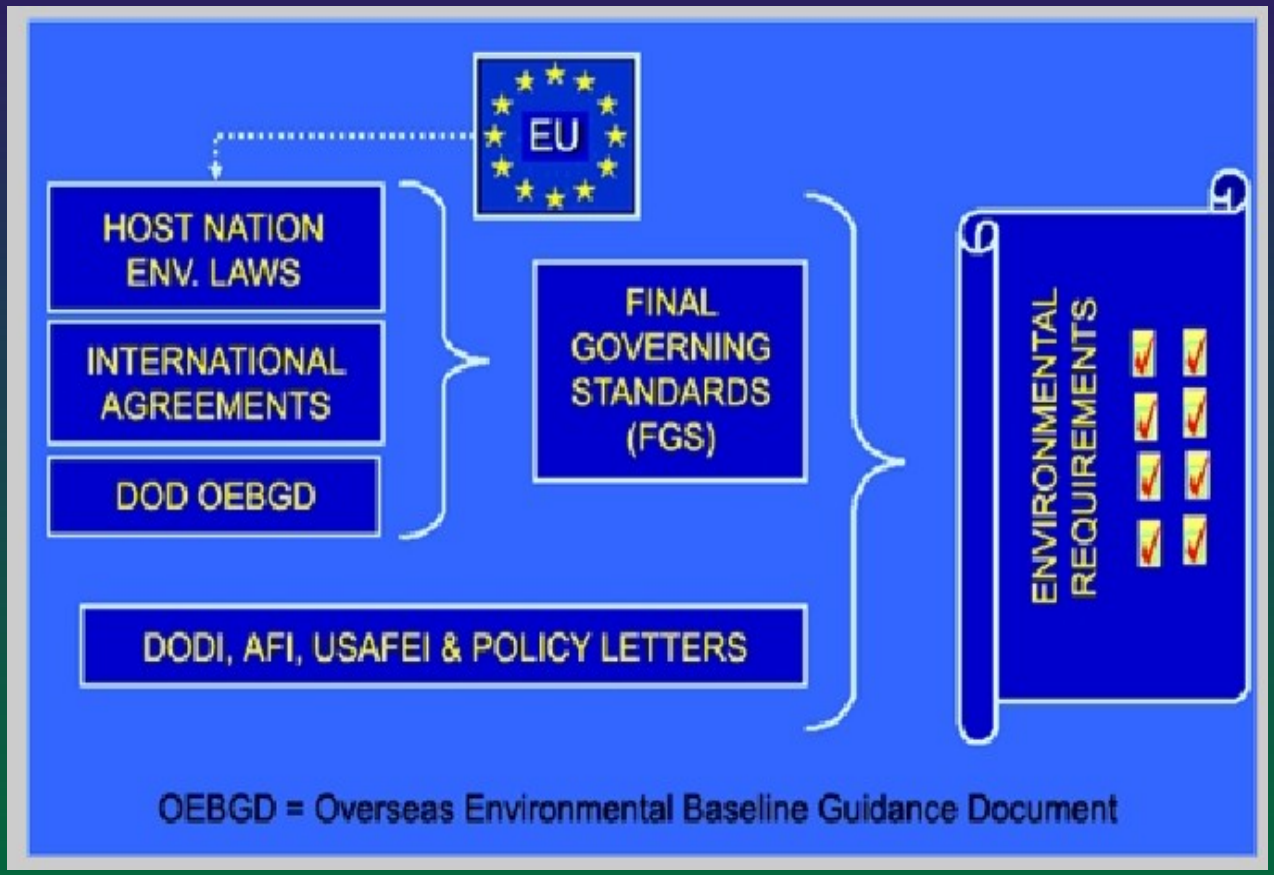


Hybrid (Most Stringent)

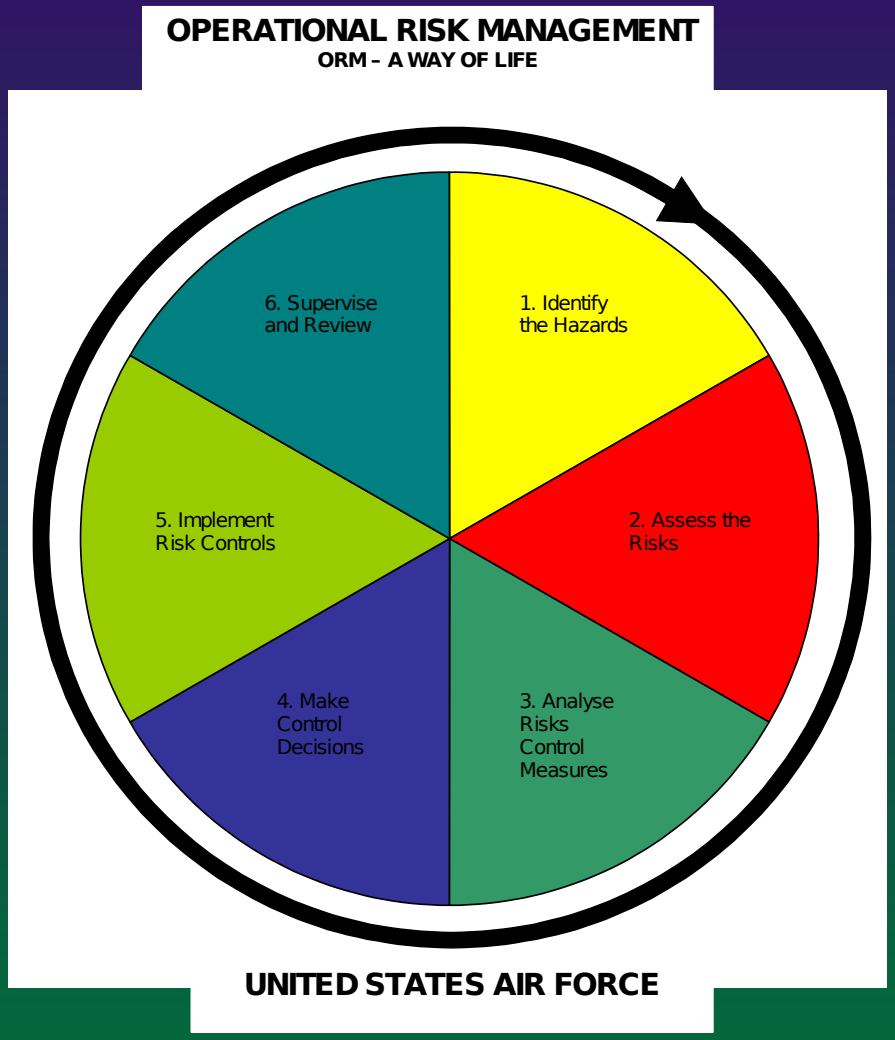
- Joint Health & Safety Working Group
- US / UK Health & Safety Review Committee
- Joint Liaison Committee (JLC)

Risk Assessment

Primary “driver”:

- Identify hazards
- Decide who might be harmed and how
- Evaluate risks and decide if existing risk controls are adequate (or whether more should be done)
- Record findings
- Review and revise (if necessary)

Risk Assessment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ORM – A WAY OF LIFE
1. Identify the Hazards
2. Assess the Risks
3. Analyse Risks Control Measures
4. Make Control Decisions
5. Implement Risk Controls
6. Supervise and Review
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The Key!

- **Communication!**
- All parties must understand what applies
- ***At all times!***

Any Questions?